

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification on page 4, line 29, ending on page 5, line 6 as follows:

A --If, for example, a person may receive data from the Internet in the form of voice data 113, the person may want to compress the data into another format because the person may not have a compatible driver. In this case, the person sends the data to a Universal conversion server 104 and states what operation needs to be performed and what operating system they may own. This universal conversion server (UCS) determines what should be done from the user description or from type of file and information about user computer.--

Please amend the specification on page 5, line 8 as follows:

A --The UCS sends the data to an appropriate formatting module. Different methods are available to determine type of file. For example, if the data are audio data, the data are sent to be audio formatted 105. If the data are video data 114, the data are sent to be video formatted 106; and if the data are animation the data are sent to a server that can format animation data 107. The data can also be sent to a generic compression service 108. It is also ~~indicted~~ indicated to which operating system the data should be formatted, and whether the data should be upgraded or downgraded.--

Please amend the specification on page 5, line 20, ending on page 6, line 23 as follows:

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--The universal conversion server 104 can define automatically what should be changed or\and how it should be changed. The universal conversion server 104 has access to the user computer 101 via the network 100. It can read from a special system file 115 in the user computer the information about the computer (what is the operational system, what ~~are~~ applications are stored in this computer, e.g. word pro or Microsoft word etc.). The universal conversion server (UCS) can use this information to decide how to change the file that it received from the user. For example, if the UCS received the audio data from the computer 101 and did not receive any explanations what should be done, it can do the following. First, it defines what type of data it received (audio, video etc.). It can define the type of data using different methods. Some of these methods are described in a patent application serial no. 09/137,966. After the UCS ~~defined~~ defines the type of data and in which operational system (OS) it was formatted, it checks what OS is used in the computer 101 and what applications are available in 101 to process this type of data. If the UCS finds that there is some application in the computer that can process this type of data but that the data was initially formatted to be processed by a different application, then the UCS sends the data to an appropriate formatting server with the request to reformat it to the application that is available in the computer 101. For example, if the UCS received a textual data that was formatted for Microsoft word and if the UCS found that the user computer 101 has only Word Pro application, than the UCS sends the textual data to a text formatting server 120 and requests to reformat it from Microsoft Word format to Word Pro format. Similarly the UCS reformat data to the OS system that is used by the user computer 101.--

Please amend the specification on page 10, line 5 as follows:

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--Figure 4 is a flow chart of the universal conversion system. At step 400, files are entered into the computer (either from the user or from network), and at step 401 the UCS is contacted. At step 402, a check is made to determine whether the file format is compatible with the operating system(OS) in the computer. If the format is not compatible, it means that the file is not recognized by a OS (i.e. on any input media such as CD-ROM, a floppy disk, tape, e-mail, etc.). In this case, the file is sent to the Universal Driver, as represented by step 403. A Universal Driver that may be used is disclosed in U.S. patent application no.        09/564,619 for A Universal Driver Server, A filed        May 4, 2000 (~~Attorney Docket 13441~~), the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.--

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Please amend the specification on page 10, line 27, ending on page 11, line 7, as follows:

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--If the data do not need to be reformatted, the routine proceeds to step 414 and the data are processed as the user requests. Otherwise, the file is sent, to the universal server; and this server checks, at step 407, whether the file is executables -- i.e., programs that were obtained after compilation. If the file is executable, then, as represented by steps 408 and 409, the routine checks the Universal Driver to determine whether the program can be replaced on the Universal Driver. Copending patent application no.        09/564,619 (~~Attorney Docket No. 13441~~) describes a suitable Universal Driver that can be used in the practice of this invention.--

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